(c) India has signed Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) or Framework Agreement for establishing Free Trade Areas. These are with (i) Sri Lanka; (ii) South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) countries; (iii) Thailand; (iv) Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multisectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC); (v) Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and (vi) Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC). Further, India has signed a comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement with Singapore. India has two long standing trade treaties with Nepal and Bhutan.

(d) India has not entered into any agreement with North America and European union. Hence does not arise.

(e) and (f) The details are as under:

(Value in US$ Millions)

Country	Year	India's export	India's import
USA	2003-04	11490.11	5034.86
	2004-05	13271.47	6833.19
Canada	2003-04	763.20	725.89
	2004-05	818.25	760.33
European	2003-04	15666.99	18786.70
Union	2004-05	18740.17	24385.49

Construction of wall at Indo-Bangladesh Border

†3066. SHRI VASANT CHAVAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to erect four thousand k.m. long wall at Indo-Bangladesh border;

(b) if not, whether Government would consider the matter seriously in this regard so that illegal infiltration of Bangladesh nationals and illegal smuggling from across the border could be avoided; and

(c) if so, the length of the wall eracted so far and the time likely to be taken to complete this work?

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) to (c) The Government have sanctioned erection of 3286 Kms. of fence along the India-Bangladesh border to prevent illegal infiltration and other illegal cross border activities. So far, 2078 kms. of fencing has been completed. It is felt that fencing when completed all along the Indo-Bangladesh border will be an effective obstacle to illegal infiltration and smuggling across the international border. The work on the remaining portion is expected to be completed by December, 2006.

Permission to container depots for importing iron scrap

†3067. SHRI SURENDRA LATH:
SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently granted permission for more container depots to import iron-scrap;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have made all essential arrangements before allowing more import container depots for importing iron-scrap to prevent arrival of live-shells in form of scrap in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) No Sir,

(b) The Government has granted permission for four more Container Depots for import of metal scrap vide Public Notice No. 39 dated 16th August, 2005. these include ICD Kanpur, ICD Ahmedabad, ICD Pithampur and ICD Malanpur taking the total number of Container and Depots to twenty six.

(c) and (d) All imports of metallic scrap and waste are accompanied by a Pre-Shipment Inspection Certificate (PSIC) to the effect that the consignment does not contain shells, ammunition, radio active material. In case the consignment is not accompanied by a PSIC, clearance is allowed by Customs with 100% inspection in terms of Customs Circular

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